

## **Hoi Andrew! : Importance**

Jesus: Hoi Andrew!

Andrew: Yes, Jesus?

Jesus: What were you and the other disciples talking about on the road here? I saw you in your holy huddle!

Andrew: Oh, nothing much Jesus...we were...eh...just saying the price of bread nowadays is getting ridiculous!

Jesus: Andrew...

Andrew: Yes, Jesus?

Jesus: Do you want to tell me what you were really talking about on the road here?

Andrew: Not really, Jesus.

Jesus: And why not?

Andrew: Well, we were talking about who was most important in this Kingdom you're building.

Jesus: I thought as much, I saw you all arguing with one another! So what did you decide?

Andrew: Well, Jesus, we're not quite sure who should hold what position and what we should all get paid.

Jesus: Really?

Andrew: It's complicated, Jesus! You called some of us first, so perhaps they're top of the tree, so-to-speak.

Jesus: I thought Zacchaeus was top of the tree, Andrew?

Andrew: Oh, very funny, Jesus! I must say the group are pretty resigned to the fact that Peter was probably your favourite for chief executive of the Kingdom since you kinda made that plain.

Jesus: I made that plain, how?

Andrew: Well, you know, old clever-clogs Peter said you were the Messiah, the Son of God, and then I'm sure you said you were going to build your Kingdom on him. We've nicknamed him "Rocky", and we've agreed that he should get double the wages we're going to get because that's a pretty important position to hold.

Jesus: OK, and what about the rest of them?

Andrew: Jesus, we are aware of the importance of this Kingdom building venture we're on with you, but you said you wouldn't always be here in person, so we have to plan ahead.

Jesus: Oh, tell me more of your advance planning, Andrew.

Andrew: Well, brother Peter could be chief exec; I thought with my Scottish connections I could be head of World Mission; Judas could be Chief Treasurer, though I'm not 100% on that, there's something dodgy about his eyes, and Matthew the tax collector wanted the job too, so we might have to draw up a job spec and interview on that one! James and John could be co-heads of children's and youth work, after all they are the sons of Zebedee! Philip, Barty, James, Thaddeus and Simon, are all set to minister to some local groups of your followers.

Jesus: And what about Thomas?

Andrew: There's the rub, Jesus, he doubts we're doing the right thing!

Jesus: He might have a point. You guys seem to have it all worked out!

Andrew: Kinda, Jesus, we just need to set up an HR department and we're good to go...em, with your approval, of course! The sticking point is the wages and housing.

Jesus: Wages and housing?

Andrew: That's where we could really do with you making a final decision for us, Jesus, cause that was really the big sticking point.

Jesus: That's what you were arguing about on the road?

Andrew: Yes, Jesus...you see some of the guys were saying we should have a salary scale. Double for Peter, we agreed, but double what? We thought maybe double the local disciple heads, with department chiefs like me perhaps somewhere in between.

Jesus: Please spare me the details on housing, you probably all want seven apartment houses!

Andrew: A little extravagant, Jesus, but we could take your suggestion on board.

Jesus: I was kidding!

Andrew: You were? You were, of course you were.

Jesus: And I hope you're kidding about all your plans for a discipleship hierarchy. Have you listened to a word I've said?

Andrew: But Jesus, all good businesses need a plan and a boss and a wage structure to create incentive.

Jesus: And what about you, Andrew, do you need incentive?

Andrew: Jesus, I'm with you whatever.

Jesus: Look at that kid over there, Andrew, you guys need to be like that kid to be in my business. He's excited, he's enthusiastic, and I certainly don't think he cares much about who's in charge or what he's getting out of this life, he's just living it to full whack!

Andrew: You're right, Jesus. I'm sorry, me and the guys were getting carried away with ourselves. You are the Son of God, the chosen One.

Jesus: And on you, Andrew, I will build my business!

Andrew: Jesus! What will Peter think?

Jesus: Let's just call you Rocky 2!

Andrew: Nice!

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